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Re:	Subject:- Ferrari 360 Modena
	Pirelli Tyre: 275/40ZR18 99Y (F) PZERO ASIMMETRICO
	Tyre Production period: DOT XB0403-1603
	Exclusive fitment: Ferrari 360 Modena (rear axle)

To whom it may concern:

Pirelli Tire LLC has determined that during the weeks of production indicated by the above DOT markings, a number of the tires in question have been produced using a mold which contained an incorrect sidewall inscription. Specifically, the inscription includes two discrepancies - first, the word "REINFORCED" and second, in reference to the carcass ply construction, "2". The correct and homologated version of the tire is not categorized as reinforced and has only "1" carcass ply.

All incorrectly marked tires were disposed of within the Pirelli organization and no tires were released to any market, with the exception of those supplied as Original Equipment to Ferrari and which have been fitted to the 360 Modena and shipped to the USA. Ferrari has identified a maximum number of 95 vehicles to which the tires could have been fitted.

Pirelli has advised Ferrari that this incorrect sidewall inscription does not compromise in any way the integrity or the performance characteristics of the tires in question and does not constitute any safety related issue. In accordance with this determination, Pirelli does not feel it is necessary to take any specific actions as the vehicle safety and performance are not affected in any way.

Given this situation and in accordance with tire labeling regulations we hereby notify NHTSA of the above stated noncompliance with the safety standard (49CFR573.6(a)) and petition for an exemption from the recall requirements (49CFR573.6(c)(8)(iii)) on the basis that this is an aesthetic condition and not a safety related issue.

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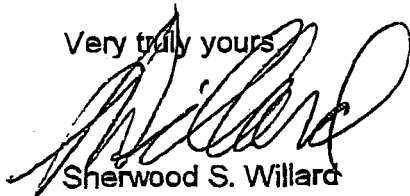
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Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherwood S. Willard", written over the typed name.

Sherwood S. Willard

Enclosures